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### Box II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

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